

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1 1. A method for accessing web pages on a network, wherein the
2 network is coupled to a server computer and a user computer operated by a user, the user
3 computer including a user input device and a display device, the method comprising
4 transferring a portion of a web page from the server computer to the
5 display device over the network, wherein the portion of a web page includes a selector
6 allowing the user to select two or more of the following categories: geographic location,
7 corporate department, employee classification, time period;
8 detecting a user's choice by receiving information generated in response to
9 signals from the user input device to indicate the one or more categories chosen by the
10 user;
11 identifying one or more web pages associated with information that meets
12 the chosen categories; and
13 sending information about the identified web pages to the user computer.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the selector includes pull-down
2 lists, one for each category.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein information sent to the user
2 computer is used to display a list of the identified web pages.

1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 accepting signals from the user input device to create a document; and
3 accepting signals from the user input device to associate a document with a
4 category.

1 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising
2 associating a user with a category; and
3 using the user's associated category as a default category associated with
4 the created document.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein each category has sub-categories,
2 the method further comprising
3 defining a theme for associating documents with categories.

1 \ 7 A user interface for accessing web pages on a network, .
2 the user interface using a user input device and display device, the user
3 interface comprising
4 selector means for displaying one or more categories;
5 detection means for accepting signals from the user interface device to
6 detect one or more categories;
7 selection means for selecting one or more web pages that meet the chosen
8 categories; and
9 display means for presenting a list of the selected web pages on the display
10 device.

1 \ 8. A user interface for accessing web pages, the user interface
2 comprising
3 displaying a selector for selecting one or more categories;
4 accepting signals from the user input device to select one or more of the
5 categories;
6 displaying a list of documents which are included in the selected
7 categories.

1 \ 9. The method of claim 8, wherein a category is one of the following:
2 geographic location, corporate department, employee classification.

1 10. A method for searching documents in a computer network, the
2 method comprising
3 defining a first category having category types;
4 assigning at least a portion of a document to a first type in the category;
5 storing the at least a portion of a document in a retrievable form;
6 indicating the category to a user;
7 accepting input from the user to specify the first type; and
8 identifying the at least a portion of a document to the user.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the category is geographic
2 location.

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- 1 12. The method of claim 10, wherein the category is corporate
2 department.
- 1 13 The method of claim 10, wherein the category is . employee
2 classification.
- 1 14. The method of claim 10, wherein the category is time period.
- 1 15. The method of claim 10, wherein multiple categories are used, .
2 wherein the step of indicating the category to the user includes the substep of
3 indicating a plurality of categories to the user;
4 wherein the step accepting input from the user includes the substep of
5 allowing the user to specify at least one category type for two or more of
6 the categories.
- 1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the user specification is
2 performed by means of a selector tool displayed on a graphical user interface to a digital
3 processing system.

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